

## MYSTERY DISPELLED

Facts Regarding Capture of the Steamer Tacoma.

### STEAMER CAUGHT IN THE ICE

After Being Captured by the Japanese the Entire Crew Was Treated With Utmost Kindness—Known Names and Position of Every Man.

Seattle, April 14.—In a letter written to a friend in this city, Otto Daniels, chief engineer of the Northwestern Steamship Company's steamer Tacoma, which was captured by Japanese cruisers while attempting to run the blockade to Vladivostok dispels the mystery which has surrounded the history of that craft since leaving this port on January 6.

Daniels states that the officers of the steamer knew that they were bound for the Siberian port and that their cargo was contraband. He says that some of the officers were only prevailed upon to make the voyage by the promise of the Russian agent aboard the steamer. The crew did not know of their destination until the steamer reached Dutch harbor. When they found it out they threatened to desert the ship and a mutiny was only avoided by the diplomacy of the Russian agent who promised them a small fortune if the attempt was successful.

The writer states that after the Tacoma was caught in the ice she was in momentary danger of being crushed by the terrible pressure exerted by the floes as they drifted about with the current.

The men were forced to burn the deckhouse and other parts of the steamer's superstructure to keep warm and were obliged to subsist for a part of the time on the mess beef intended for the Russians.

Daniels says that after being captured the entire crew were treated with the utmost kindness by the Japanese who were in possession of the names and position of every member almost from the moment of the steamer's leaving this port.

### WINTER IN KLONDIKE

Weather Has Been Unusually Mild and Ice Is Melting.

Seattle, April 14.—A special to the Post Intelligencer from Nome states that the past winter has been unprecedented for mildness and that the ice is rapidly breaking all along the coast. In St. Michaels bay the water is open and the ice in Norton bay and sound has already moved north as far as Nome.

Bering strait has been open all winter and at no time since January has the thermometer been lower than zero, and for the past 40 days the average temperature has been 50 degrees above zero.

During the entire winter the ice along the shores has been light and rotten and for the greater part of the time it has been impossible to reach the outer edge of the shore ice on account of the open leads.

### TELEPHONE EXTENSION.

Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone to Extend Its Lines.

Salt Lake City, April 14.—At the general office of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company the announcement was made by T. A. Pickrell, assistant to President F. P. Fish of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, that more than \$500,000 will be expended by the Rocky Mountain Bell Company in Utah, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming during the year 1905. This money will be used in building extensions in adding more mileage generally to the system. To Utah has been appropriated \$250,000 of the appropriation. In Montana \$150,000 will be expended; in Wyoming \$70,000 and in Idaho more than \$50,000.

### CATHOLIC COLONY.

One Hundred Thousand Acres Secured in Missouri.

Memphis, Tenn., April 14.—A committee special from Cairo, Ill., says that 100,000 acres of land near Sikeston, Mo., has been purchased by a company headed by Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis and will be used in locating a colony of Catholics from New York city and New Orleans. Another 100,000 acres will probably be secured. The people will be colonized in villages upon the purchased land. The company has a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

### SOMEBODY LIED.

Congregational Foreign Mission Solicited Rockefeller Gift.

Boston, April 14.—According to a statement issued to the Associated Press the American Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational church solicited the \$100,000 gift of John D.

Rockefeller through the representatives of the prudential committee. This contradicts the statements credited to secretary James D. Barton, D. D., that the gift was unsolicited.

### Cotton King Located.

Philadelphia, April 14.—Frank C. Marrin, alias "Judge" Franklin Stone whom police agents have been seeking in connection with the affairs of the collapsed Storey Cotton Company, is reported to have landed at Havre, France, March 23, from the steamship Touraine, having sailed from New York on the same day the concern went into the hands of a receiver. Marrin was accompanied by his wife and two sons. Thomas H. Quinlan, secretary and treasurer of the Storey company, also is said to have been in the party.

### Railroad in the Philippines.

Washington, April 14.—Secretary Taft expects to have a conference in a few days with Frederick Delano James Speyer, and J. G. White regarding the building of railroads in the Philippine islands and the terms of the act passed by the last congress, which guaranteed 4 per cent on railroad investments in the islands. Several propositions have been submitted, which the secretary has under consideration.

### Baseball Scores.

At Oakland—Portland 9, Oakland 1.  
At San Francisco—Tacoma 1, San Francisco 2.  
At Los Angeles—Seattle 1, Los Angeles 0.

## UNITED WORKMEN

Increased Assessment Plan Adopted By Grand Lodge.

### AFTER STRONG OPPOSITION

The Assessment on All Members Over 55 years of Age Raised by the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. at Portland at Its Session Yesterday.

Portland, April 14.—After a warm discussion, lasting all day the grand lodge of Oregon, A. O. U. W., today adopted the new "level rate" plan of assessment by a vote of 131 to 48. The vote was called for at noon, and as the roll was called each representative answered yes or no. The interest was at fever heat, and many were deeply interested in the success or failure of the new plan and expressed their anxiety as to the outcome of the vote.

Although the decision was received with cheers, there was strong opposition throughout the day, and earnest addresses were made against the adoption of the proposed amendment by D. Solis Cohen of Portland, P. H. D'Arcy of Salem and others. Judge William Colvig of Jacksonville had the closing argument for the amendment and he made a strong plea for its adoption. W. D. Hare of Hillsboro and others also championed the new amendment.

A total of 179 votes were cast, two-thirds of the number of representatives at the grand lodge are necessary for the changing of the constitution, and 120 votes must be polled in the affirmative if the measure was to carry. The result showed 11 more than was necessary and this shows how close the contest was.

The change in the assessment adopts the plan of the old-line insurance by a fixed rate, dependent upon the age of the applicant when he joins the order, making it such that each member, on the average will pay to the order during his expectancy of the amount of his insurance.

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## BUAGLAR IS KILLED

Watchman of Wall Street Bank Fatally Shoots Burglar.

### BROOKLYN HEIGHTS RESIDENT

On Being Discovered the Interloper Leaps Through a Window and Seeing That Burglar Was to Get Away Watchman Brought Down His Man.

New York, April 14.—A burglar was shot and probably fatally wounded early today by a private watchman guarding the home, in Brooklyn, of George Prentiss, a Wall street banker. The burglar when discovered leaped through a plate glass window and was pursued two blocks before he fell with two bullets in his body.

The Prentiss mansion is located on Pierpont street, a fashionable quarter of Brooklyn heights. In the absence of the family the watchman stayed inside and was on the top floor when the burglar entered. On being discovered the interloper leaped through a parlor window and fled with the watchman at his heels. Seeing that pursuit was futile the watchman began shooting. The neighborhood was quickly alarmed and members of the fire engine company rushed from their house to investigate. The watchman's bullets grazed their heads and they quickly dodged back. A block further and the burglar fell.

On his arm was found a \$700 rug, while papers in his pockets bore the name of John Costigan of Taguertes, N. Y. The physicians say he cannot recover.

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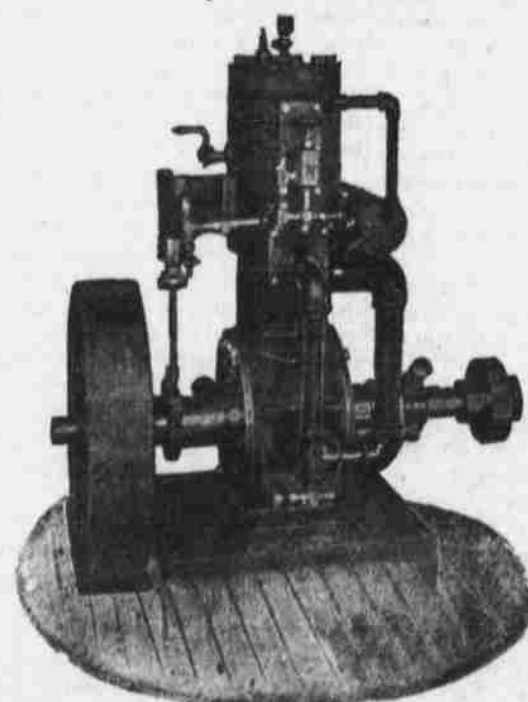
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